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NOTICE OF MEETING

The next meeting will be on Thursday, May 17th at 7.45.p.m., in the Royal Society Room, Tasmanian Museum.

NATIONAL MUSEUM 15 MAY 1973 OF VICTORIA

SPEAKER

The President, Mr. A. Hewer.

SUBJECT

"Frogs and Lizards".

To most of us, these small 'animals' are just "frogs" or "lizards", but how may we tell the difference between one frog and another - or say which species of lizard we have just seen?

Who can identify a frog by its croak?

Which lizards do not shake off their tail and grow a new one?

Why is a frog so cold and clammy to touch?

Does a lizard 'talk' to his friends?

Are there any biological connections between frogs and lizards?

Come along and ask our "Lizard Wizard".

OUTING

Meet by the Prince Theatre on Saturday, May 19th, at 10.a.m.
Mr. Hewer will,be the leader, and more details will be available at the meeting.

LIBRARY

Mrs. McDonald will be opening the Club Library about 7.30. in case anyone would like to choose a book before themeeting. Books may be borrowed from one meeting to the next.

Look them over to see if there is one on YOUR particular interest. Any suggestions for additions will be welcomed.

THE CLUB LIBRARY

Libraries such as ours have a dual purpose.

A. To provide safe keeping for records and papers of the Club, and any historical items which might be of historical interest.

B. To provide interesting reading on Natural History, and reference books which will help members to increase their knowledge and heighten their enthusiasm.

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EASTER CAMP - 1973.

Perhaps it was a GOOD THING that there were only ten campers this time, for we all know the dire efforts of the Weather Man over these Easter Holidays!

But campers - as a race - are pretty good at making do with all sorts of conditions and this group was no exception.

Misses Mosey, Wolfe and Brown slept in a Van, and Misses Westbrook, Warren and Holt in the Recreation Room. Mr. and Mrs. Sheppard from Queenstown coped with sleeping in their hike tent and Mr. Marshall and Simon not only slept in their hike tent, but did all their cooking on a dear little fire by their front door.

The rest of us cooked on a big open fire in the Recreation Room.

Although it was too wet to push through bush, we managed to get out and about - some to Fluted Cape, some to Adventure Bay and round the roads. On Sunday we packed a lunch, boarded our three cars, and took off for Cloudy Bay - then right up to Dennes Point, getting back about five, after a most interesting day.

Monday was finer. All was packed up, and each car-load went its own way before catching the Ferry for home.

Thanks are due to Mr. Dorloff who made the Recreation Room available to us - and for the unlimited supply of dry logs which made our cooking so easy, dried our clothes, and kept us warm and cheerful.

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EASTER CAMPS - IN GENERAL

1. We are hoping to begin making plans for the Camp, 1974, within the next two months.

Club members can give positive and practical help in this by

a) not only suggesting Camp Sites, but giving information as to the Owners, transport facilities, water supply, special features of interest to Field Nats, etc, etc..

b) Finding knowledgable people willing to lead campers' observations in certain directions, depending on the campsite possibilities. Suggested items - Beach and Rock life, Bird Observing, Insects, Water-life, Orchids, Galls, Geology, Eucalypts, Lichens and Mosses, Fungi, Acacias, Methods of collecting, etc.

2. Should Field Nat Camps have a definite aim for THAT camp, or should we all just GO, and look at and appreciate everything we happen to come across?

How can we combine the interests of both the amateur, and the professional so as to make the camp worthwhile for both types of Naturalist?

If you have any definite ideas on what a Field Nat Camp should be, (or should NOT be), a letter embodying these ideas would be received with great interest..... by....

M.L.WESTBROOK

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Members will be interested to note that the Club is listed in Walch's Red Book....

....also that the Bulletin's Address List includes the Adult Education Board.

Now is the time to look up the Courses available for the winter term.

Enrolments are being received at the Enrolment Office in Murray Street, near Hadley's.

Why not get their Brochure and thumb it through! There could just be a Course where subject, hours and venue would just suit YOU.

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The Tasmanian Conservation Trust is now receiving subscriptions for 1973-4. Ordinary member $4, Family member $5, Student $2, Life Member $100, Pensioner $2, and double pensioners' $3.

Their Circular covers the activities of groups all over the State - most informative reading on all the items covered, and plans in hand and for the future.

The Trust's address is

Box 684G, G.P.O. Hobart, 7001.

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RURAL FIRES BOARD

The Rural Fires Board is responsible for the whole of Tasmania excluding areas covered by the Urban Fire Brigades. These areas include the remote and rugged portions of the State in which conservationists are most interested.

ENSURE THAT YOU KNOW THE RURAL FIRES REQUIREMENTS IN THE USE OF MATCHES, CIGARETTES, CAMP FIRES AND FIRE PROTECTION IN THESE AREAS.

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